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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJ: COMMENT REGARDING SMITH SPEECH

1. AS SOON AS HAWKINS GAVE ME SPEECH AND I HAD CHANCE TO READ IT, I WAS TAKEN BACK BY SMITH INCLUSION OF ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS AS POINT SIX IN PACKAGE. CONCERNED OVER HOW THIS MIGHT BE READ IN LONDON (SECTO 27335), I CALLED BRAND FOURIE. HE HAD IN THE MEANTIME ALSO RECEIVED COPY OF SPEECH AND WAS EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT SMITH HAD TAKEN THIS LIBERTY WITH DESCRIPTION OF STATE OF PLAY OF ECONOMIC PLANS. WE AGREED THAT HE SHOULD CALL HAWKINS TO ASK THAT SPEECH BE MODIFIED SO THAT ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS NOT RPT NOT APPEAR AS INTEGRAL PART OF AGREED POINTS. WHILE HAWKINS REACHED GAYLARD WITH MESSAGE PRIOR TO BROADCAST, GAYLARD INDICATED THAT SPEECH ALREADY RECORDED AND DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS SO NO POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE.

2. FOURIE REPORTED THAT HAWKINS EXPLAINED THAT CASTING OF ECONOMIC SECTION IN THIS WAY WAS DESIGNED TO REASSURE RHODESIAN DOMESTIC OPINION. NO TRICKERY INTENDED. SENTENCE AT BEGINNING OF SIX POINTS TO EFFECT THAT "PARAGRAPH SIX RELATING TO ECONOMIC AID IS AN AGREED SUMMARY OF LONGER PAPER", HAWKINS ARGUED, QUALIFIED ANY COMMITMENT. FOURIE WHILE REGRETTING THAT SMITH HAD DONE THIS OBSERVED THAT 98 PERCENT OF SPEECH WAS GOOD AND WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT THAT PERCENTAGE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

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EM SIR DAVID SCOTT TELLS ME FOURIE GAVE HIM SAME

EXPLANATION WHICH HE IS PASSING TO LONDON.
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